



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET MEETING

MAY 16, 2006

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- CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN (excused from the morning session) and COUNCILMEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY (excused from the morning session), WOLFSON, TARKANIAN and ROSS (excused from the morning session)

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY (A.M. Session), DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHEMS (P.M. Session), DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL (P.M. Session), DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ORLANDO SANCHEZ, CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES

(9:01)

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- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza (next door to Metro Records)

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

(9:01 - 9:02)

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- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE led the audience in the Pledge.

(9:02 - 9:03)

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DEPARTMENT: FINANCE & BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

☐ CONSENT ☒ DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Public hearing and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2007 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2007 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget

Fiscal Impact:

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2007 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Tentative Budget as filed with the Nevada Department of Taxation on April 14, 2006 and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2007 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of Fiscal Year 2007 City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Final Budget, as amended with guidance from City Council.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

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MOTION:

REESE - APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE excused MAYOR GOODMAN who was out of town and COUNCILMEN WEEKLY and ROSS.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing open for Items 1 and 2.

There was no one who wished to speak.

MAYOR PRO TEM REESE declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 1 and 2

Meeting recessed until 1:30 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

MAYOR GOODMAN reopened the Public Hearing for Items 1 and 2.

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MINUTES - Continued:

MARK VINCENT, Director of Finance and Business Services, apologized for any confusion regarding the date and time for this annual budget meeting and explained the meeting is set by statute.

He submitted a PowerPoint presentation and briefly reviewed slides regarding the total budget, City population, General Fund budget and the City contribution to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) which increased by 9.8% and includes the City's share of the Metro Capital Improvement Project. He noted the addition for parks and recreation capital projects and set aside for new debt service. He pointed out Clark County will be hiring new officers for Metro over the next ten years, but the City's budget does not reflect that cost because it is funded directly out of the tax. MR. VINCENT highlighted the positions added and eliminated within the City, keeping the net gain well below the City's population growth. MR. VINCENT stated the operating budget is balanced, and explained the net reduction referenced is allowed under the City's budget policy and would fund the City's Capital Projects. He briefly described the primary sources of revenue and expenditure for the General Fund. MR. VINCENT also pointed out the changes in the Capital Improvement Plan or CIP since the budget workshop: increases of \$1,000,000 each for the planned Fire Stations C and D in Ward 6 and an additional \$1,000,000 for the Garside pool design. He also explained the categories within the CIP and presented a tentative CIP process which centers on the CIP Oversight Committee. Public Works and the project or program owner would develop the Scope of Work or SOW and the cost estimate which would then be presented to the CIP Oversight Committee who would work with the Finance Department to identify available funding resources and decide on the program's appropriate placement in the five-year CIP schedule. That five-year CIP plan or amendment would then be presented to the City Council for public discussion and possible modification. Upon approval by the City Council, the City would be able to execute the plan, accept bids and begin construction. The benefit of this process is no plans would be presented to the CIP Oversight Committee without a SOW and cost estimate and without identifying funding sources and its position within the five-year CIP plan which were recurring problems in the past. He emphasized this procedure is very similar to the one used to create the existing five-year CIP plan but would prevent any incomplete proposals from being presented to the Council.

COUNCILMAN BROWN received confirmation from MR. VINCENT that the presentation of the proposed CIP process was merely informative and the Council would not need to take any action today. While MR. VINCENT expressed openness to any comments and direction from the Council, he anticipated this proposal would return for action by the Council some time during the summer.

MR. VINCENT stated two issues in need of attention. The first is the Alexander Hualapai Bid savings of over eight million dollars whose funding source restricts the use of those funds to another Parks and Recreation project. The second issue to decide whether to appropriate those funds for another project or to allow the funds to revert to the CIP Fund Balance.

MR. VINCENT identified projects that met the eligibility criteria for use of the bid savings and stated the eight million dollars would be insufficient to bring any of those projects to completion. The best option would be to allocate the eight millions dollars to a single project and then supplement that with additional funding in the next fiscal year.

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He expressed his openness to other projects, but suggested limiting those recommendations to projects already on the five-year CIP plan or to those with a defined SOW and cost estimate. If the Council decided not to allocate the funds at this time, the funds could remain in the Fund Balance until approved for use on another appropriate project.

MAYOR GOODMAN disagreed with MR. VINCENT'S statement that the cost for bringing the Post Modern Museum had not been determined, pointing out the project had been approved and its estimated cost had been established. MAYOR GOODMAN suggested the Council be fully briefed by DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL before voting on the expenditure of the bid savings.

COUNCILMAN BROWN requested clarification regarding a spreadsheet concerning the Post Modern Museum provided by MR. VINCENT who explained the figures depicted are for renovation and refurbishment, not an operating budget. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL explained the cost estimate was based upon the program plan approved by the City Council in 2003 and briefly described the project's funding and timeline. When pressed by MAYOR GOODMAN, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL was reluctant to speculate on other costs not yet presented to the Council, but gave rough estimates for the costs of retaining an architectural consultant and of rehabilitating the exterior of the building. She was also unable to clarify the amounts earmarked for the various projects related to the Post Modern Museum, but stated limited funding had already been obtained.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed support to leaving the money in the Fund and giving the Council an opportunity to consider other possible uses in the various Wards. He also directed staff to brief each Councilperson more fully on the costs and expectations of the Post Modern Museum.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY observed that the Council was aware of the financial commitment made to the Post Modern Museum and that project has been regularly overshadowed by others. He stated many departments had worked to move this project forward and expressed willingness to put some funds towards the Post Modern Museum, but emphasized projects such as the Alexander/Hualapai park, Lorenzi Park and Ed Fountain Park need proper maintenance because there are no funds available for rehabilitation. He suggested researching methods for funding maintenance and upkeep because the current system is set up for construction of new projects without allowances for maintenance.

COUNCILMAN REESE observed Rafael Rivera Park and Mike Morgan Park within his Ward are still waiting for synthetic turf.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY'S statement regarding the difficulty in acquiring the funds for maintenance and advocated working more closely with other entities to help the City acquire more park space.

In response to COUNCILMAN BROWN'S request for clarification, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL listed several grants, their amounts and sources which had not been included in the spreadsheet provided to the Council. COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that the Post Modern Museum appears to be sufficiently funded for the next fiscal year and that the eight million dollars would do little to offset the substantial amount needed for completion. He suggested spending the eight million on other projects that could be completed. MR. VINCENT explained the incentive for allocating the eight

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million dollars to the Museum would be that the City would not need to issue that amount in debt service and further stated he was unable to find any projects that could be completely funded and executed with the additional money. COUNCILMAN BROWN expressed reluctance to allocate the money to the Museum because it did not have a complete cost estimate or explicit completion date.

COUNCILMAN BROWN urged that the proposed CIP process be quickly approved because he was not convinced the current system was working. Then other suitable projects within the eight million dollar price range could be presented and considered by the Council. It would also give the Council the opportunity to prioritize CIP projects as a Council rather than as individuals.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY stated that his Ward was consistently overlooked when funds were distributed as COUNCILMAN BROWN suggested.

COUNCILMAN REESE expressed reluctance to allocate the funds at this meeting because he had not been sufficiently briefed on the prospective projects. COUNCILMAN WEEKLY concurred and observed that in previous Budget meetings, the surplus would be allocated without fully briefing every Councilperson.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed his wish to assign the surplus to the Post Modern Museum, but observed there was currently no consensus as to how to proceed. He directed staff to brief the Council members and then return to the Council for a decision.

MR. VINCENT informed COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that no decision as to the allocation of the surplus was needed at this time.

COUNCILMAN ROSS emphasized his awareness of the needs of the older Wards.

COUNCILMAN BROWN acknowledged COUNCILMAN WEEKLY'S concerns but pointed out that the newer parks were built in the newer neighborhoods because those areas had no parks. He stated his support for establishing a CIP process and for allowing the surplus to remain in the CIP fund until the Council could be adequately briefed.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY'S observation regarding the intense use of their parks with insufficient funding to maintain them as well as his contention of surplus allocation without fully briefing the entire Council. She supported allocating some of the surplus to the Post Modern Museum and rest to maintenance and other projects.

In response to COUNCILMAN ROSS'S suggestion of seeking private support for the Post Modern Museum, Mr. VINCENT explained private funding was being explored but nothing was ready for presentation. MAYOR GOODMAN reiterated the importance of fully briefing the Council on the Post Modern Museum. COUNCILMAN ROSS emphasized the importance of working with the private sector to fund the Museum.

MR. VINCENT briefly explained the Redevelopment Agency budget and listed the amounts planned for operating costs, debt service, and projects and programs. He mentioned that a meeting of the Citizens

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Priority Advisory Committee had been held and that the Nevada Department of Taxation had accepted the City's tentative budgets. He added that the amended budget would be filed by June 1, 2006.

In response to MAYOR GOODMAN'S request for clarification, MR. VINCENT explained the caps on residential property taxes were limiting the ability of the City to raise operating revenues. MAYOR GOODMAN underscored his wish to protect the City and its taxpayers and directed MR. VINCENT to research ways to do so. MR. VINCENT informed MAYOR GOODMAN that research was already underway and the Council would be briefed.

COUNCILMAN BROWN observed that MR. VINCENT had included the City's budget policies as part of the backup submitted to the Council and encouraged the Council members to review them. He briefly mentioned a few guidelines which the Council has not followed this fiscal year. He clarified to MAYOR GOODMAN that he supported adoption of the budget guidelines and suggested the Council be briefed more thoroughly regarding those policies. At COUNCILMAN BROWN'S request, MR. VINCENT described the changes to the budget since the last meeting. With regards to the tenant charges for the Regional Justice Center, MR. VINCENT stated the City was working with Clark County to verify the fees and he did not anticipate similarly large increases in the future. COUNCILMAN BROWN recommended that City programs and services be audited to verify that they are not in competition with and extraneous to programs and services offered by other entities. Programs and services that are deemed to be in competition with other jurisdictions should be eliminated. CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY stated the City was currently working to follow the recommendations recently received from the Performance Review and that performance measures were being tied to a performance budget.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN explained the rationale behind building the Garside pool and suggested the Council be more fully briefed on similar projects in the future.

In response to COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN'S inquiry, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FRETWELL explained that progress had been made, but the integration of new leadership in the School District was delaying further progress. She agreed to meet with the School District and come to a resolution.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, suggested strict enforcement of the Municipal Code as a possible revenue stream. He recommended increased funding for the Planning and Development Department, the Emergency Operations Management Committee and the City Marshals and suggested the Council members voluntarily reduce or renounce their salaries.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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MOTION:

REESE - APPROVED with direction to brief the Council members on the remaining funds from the Alexander/Hualapai Project on June 7, 2006 - UNANIMOUS

MINUTES:

See Item 1 for all related discussion.

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MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN REESE clarified that he opened the morning session to any members of the public who would be unable to attend the afternoon session.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, stated his intention to be a candidate for the Mayor of the City of Las Vegas in the upcoming Municipal Election.

(3:05 - 3:06)

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:06 P.M.